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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for reply to the Final Office Action dated August 7, 2009 for two (2) months, from November 7, 2009 to January 7, 2010. Please charge deposit account number 09-0470 in the amount of \$490.00 as payment of the extension of time fee.

Applicant has elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to continue prosecution of the above-identified case. This RCE and Amendment and Response to the above-referenced Final Office Action is the Applicant's submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Please charge the above-referenced deposit account in the amount of \$810.00 as payment of the RCE fee. It is not believed that any other fees are due, but any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 09-0470, with reference to the above-referenced attorney docket number.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as noted herein.

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